

## ENGLAND WELCOMES AMBASSADOR

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open to such an extent as would satisfy even the yearnings of the Rear Admiral who has made the circle of the globe in search of it. I think I may say, as a testimony to the good feeling sought to be encouraged on our side of the water that the President gave the best illustration of it, when he said, in my letter of credence, that he relied with confidence upon my constant endeavor during my stay in Great Britain to promote the interest and prosperity of both nations." (Cheers and cries of "Bravo.")

## RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

Alluding to the "satisfactory dispelling of the cloud between Russia and England over the Niu Chwang railway extension" loan by means of peaceful diplomacy," Mr. Choate said:

"That is the kind of diplomacy which I, just entering upon a diplomatic career, desire very much to understand, for I am fresh enough to believe that if these two countries, laboring together for peace, unite their voices in demanding it, it is almost sure in every case. (Cheers). I would like to quote my President again: for the last words I heard him say were that the United States to-day was on better terms with every nation on the face of the earth than it had ever been before." (Cheers).

## ALMOST ONE PEOPLE.

After paying eloquent tributes to the late Baron Hirschel, and to Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Choate concluded as follows:

"Gentlemen, we are almost one people. What I say is let our voice always be lifted together for the cause of human progress and the advancement of civilization; and my word for it, if that can always be followed, why law, order, peace and freedom, which are the nurseries of commerce, the world over, will prevail, and the cause of humanity will be advanced." (Cheers).

## LORD RUSSELL.

Baron Russell, of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice, who followed Mr. Choate, complimented him upon his eloquence, the width and depth of his observations and the statesmanlike tone that pervaded his speech.

The other speakers dwelt with matters of local interest.

## A WONDERFUL RECEPTION.

Mr. Choate spoke deliberately, and in rather a low tone. His humorous remarks met with peals of laughter. He had a wonderful reception, made quite the speech of the evening, which was listened to with the deepest attention, and resumed his seat amid thunders of applause. Lord Russell personally congratulating him.

## BREEZE GETS TEN YEARS.

ASHEVILLE'S DEFUNCT BANK PRESIDENT CONVICTED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Asheville, N. C., March 15.—The jury to-night returned a verdict of guilty against W. B. Breeze, president of the defunct First National Bank of this city, and fixed the punishment at ten years in prison.

Breeze will appeal. He is now in the hands of officers and will be required to give a heavy bond if liberated.

Gen. Walker Out of Danger.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Bristol, Tenn., March 15.—General Walker, one of the principals in last week's shooting affray, had a comfortable day, and the attending physicians report him out of danger. Hamilton was slightly delirious, but his wound is doing nicely. No arrests have yet been made.

## Did you ever see a Snow Storm in Summer?

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## THE BEEF INQUIRY.

AN ARMY SURGEON GIVES RATION BAD CHARACTER.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Chicago, March 15.—Dr. John B. Shaw, of Joliet, Ill., surgeon of the Third Illinois Volunteers, testified before the army beef inquiry court to-day that on the voyage from Newport News to Porto Rico canned roast beef was issued, and there was a great deal of complaint about it. It was stringy, pulpy and nauseating, and did not seem to nourish the men. Much diarrhea followed the use of it. The witness attributed the sickness to ptomaine poisoning. He believed ptomaines would develop in the hot sun in five or six minutes after a can was opened. If the meat were properly sterilized ptomaines would not develop. While in Porto Rico, 25 miles from Ponce, the matter of rations was taken out of the regiment's hands to a great extent. General Grant seemed to know more about it than anybody else. The witness took no particular interest in them because of the action of General Grant.

"The law required the surgeon to supervise the cooking, and that which is issued? Did you interest yourself to ascertain what was being issued to the regiment?"

"We saw what was issued, and took it because we could not get anything else. We had canned roast beef nearly all the while, and the men refused to eat it. It was ordered condemned, and we buried a lot of it. One of the men said if we did not bury it it would bury us. A board of survey was ordered, but the witness never heard anything more about it. As to the refrigerator beef very little of it was used, as at least three quarters of it would have to be cut out. I do not think any chemicals had been used on both the meat. It was simply spoiled. The men had undoubtedly been acted upon by the heat which had softened it. The fat and grease and gelatine had all intermingled with the fibre.

The court held a short executive session this afternoon and determined to leave to-night for Omaha, where an inspection of the stock yards will be made. Thence the members will proceed to Kansas City. It is the expectation of the court to return to Chicago by Tuesday of next week, when the examination of witnesses will be proceeded with.

## MEN MADE VERY SICK.

Under cross-examination, Dr. Shaw told about being called out one night to look after the men of Company A, who were reported to have been poisoned by eating canned roast beef. He said they vomited fearfully, and it seemed that hypodermic injections of morphine would hardly relieve the pain. They were sick for some days afterward, with a great deal of diarrhoea and intestinal trouble.

"When the men ceased eating the canned roast beef, was there any improvement?" asked Major Lee.

"Yes; the canned roast beef generally gave them diarrhoea and gastric enteritis."

"Did the commissary come around and find out how these things were?"

"He came several times, and told us it was all right. I think it was Captain Piper. He told us it was all right, and we would have to eat it. Some times we substituted what they called bacon, but a great deal of that had maggots in it, and had to be condemned. If we had depended upon the army rations the troops would have starved to death.

They spent all the money they got buying things to eat, either at the commissary store or in the city."

"What was the brand on this canned roast beef?"

"I think it was Libby, McNeill and Libby. I am not sure. I tried to eat some of it but could not; it was absolutely revolting."

## PACKING HOUSE EXPERT TESTIFIES.

George Lees, another witness, gave his opinion as to that of a packing house expert, putting up machinery and apparatus for large packing houses. He said he was familiar with the classes of cattle delivered in Chicago.

"What are 'canners'?" asked Major Lee.

"What is generally termed 'canners' are a very inferior class of cattle; I think one-third of them would be condemned in any English market. Chunks and sometimes meat scraped off the plates are used for canning."

"About what per cent. of nutriment would be left in the meat that goes in the can?"

"Little or none."

## REPULSIVE AND UNINVITING.

Captain D. H. Broughton, Third Cavalry, testified that in his command the officers drew the same rations as the men, while in Cuba. "The complaint about the canned beef," he said, "was that the men could not eat the meat and would not eat it unless absolutely compelled to do so to appease hunger. When the cans were opened the first thing that struck the observer was the repulsive uninviting appearance of the contents."

"Do you consider canned roast beef wholesome for the American soldier?"

"It is exceedingly unwholesome. It tastes like chips. There is no substance, and the fat and grease are absolutely repulsive."

## COL. TURNER'S EXPERIENCE.

Colonel Henry L. Turner, who went to Cuba in command of the First Illinois Infantry and became brigadier general of the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Fifth Army Corps was the next witness.

In reply to Major Lee, the witness stated that he had tried to eat some of the canned roast beef, but it nauseated him and he could not do it. It certainly was unfit for a ration in a warm climate.

He regarded it as a contributing cause for the sickness of the men. He had also tried to eat the refrigerated beef, but could not, as it gave him the diarrhoea.

## ANIMALS FOUND IN IT.

First Lieutenant M. P. Davis, of the First Cavalry, was called upon by request of Major Lee. He said that in Cuba the men opened all the cans of roast beef issued to them, but only consumed one-half of the contents on an average. The rest was thrown away, because it was unfit to eat. The contents of the can, he said, would be about three-quarters water, not what you would call meat. Perhaps one quarter or one-fifth of the can would be good fibre meat; the rest appeared to be tallies or clippings. Sometimes a can would be entirely spoiled. Witness said he once opened a can which smelled bad; he examined it and found maggots in it.

Major Lee: "How did the maggots get there?"

"They were canned in there."

Col. Davis: "Are you aware that in the process of canning this meat

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undergoes such an intense heat that no animal life could survive in it?"

"I don't mean to say they were alive. They were dead."

Major Lee: "Are you positive about the identity of the animal?"

"Yes, sir; quite positive."

## MEN LACKED FOR FOOD.

"In consequence of the canned roast beef not being sufficiently sustaining, and not having nutriment in it, did your men lack for food?"

"They did."

Colonel Gillespie: "What was the name of this brand that you found with maggots in it?"

"It was Swift & Co's brand."

"Are you certain of that?"

"I am certain."

The court adjourned to meet in Omaha to-morrow.

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## RAINS IN GEORGIA.

TRAFFIC PARTLY SUSPENDED ON RAILROADS.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15.—Heavy rains

yesterday and last night did considerable damage to railroads in Georgia and Alabama. Numerous washouts were reported to-day on both the Southern Railway and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis. The first train to get through either way between this city and Chattanooga since last night arrived here to-night on the Southern. The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, which abandoned its train to-day, expect to get their morning St. Louis-Chicago train through to Chattanooga to-morrow morning, although serious obstacles will be encountered north of there.

Rome, Ga., is being hemmed in by fast rising waters. The two rivers there forming the Coosa, rose seven feet in four hours to-day, and it is expected the water will inundate the lower section of the city before morning. No train reached Rome on any road until noon, when a passenger train on the Southern came in from Chattanooga. A trestle and three hundred feet of track were washed out three miles below Rome.

Three or four washouts on the Selma branch of the Southern and no trains were sent out on it from Rome until to-night.

No trains are running on the Rome and Decatur, a large trestle being washed out near Attalla, Ala. The Rome road connecting that city with the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis at Kingston, Ga., is closed to traffic, a trestle having been carried away by the flood.

At Boger's Station, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road, over 100 feet of track was washed away.

A train on the East and West road left Cartersville to-day for Pitt City, Ala. Several miles out of Cartersville it was caught by back water from Little Creek, the fires in the engine were put out and at last reports the train was standing in the water with the passengers on board waiting to be rescued. It will be impossible to get another engine to the train until the flood subsides.

The storm did \$50,000 worth of damage in the vicinity of Gadsden, Ala. The Chattanooga Southern road lost 450 feet of track. The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road lost two bridges and a half mile of track. The Southern Railway lost its trestle at Gadsden and considerable tracks between that city and Rome.

Many road bridges have been washed away in Bartow county, Ga., and the damage will be \$100,000.

## JOHN SHERMAN VERY ILL.

THE AGED STATESMAN CONTRACTS PNEUMONIA IN SAN JUAN.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Fort de France, Martinique, March 15.—John Sherman, who is a passenger on board the American Line steamer Paris, Captain Frederick Watkins, which arrived here to-day from Trinidad, with the party of excursionists who are making a tour of the West Indian islands, is suffering from pneumonia.

While at San Juan de Porto Rico last Wednesday Mr. Sherman was entertained by Brigadier General Fred Grant, commander of the Military Department of San Juan, and caught cold. The malady was not considered serious until last night, after leaving Port of Spain, when pneumonia in the most serious form developed.

Dr. Graf, of the Paris, and Dr. Magee, of Duluth, are attending him, and Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Hoyt, of New York, and E. H. Wiborg, of Cincinnati, close relations of Mr. Sherman, are constantly near him.

## MR. SHERMAN BETTER.

St. Pierre, Martinique, March 15.—On the arrival of the American line steamer Paris, Captain Watkins, from Fort de France, this evening, Mr. Sherman's physicians reported that his condition was much improved and gave ground for encouragement.

## A FIERCE TORNADO.

MANY BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED—MIRACULOUS ESCAPES FROM DEATH.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Birmingham, Ala., March 15.—The fiercest tornado ever known in this vicinity visited the town of Avondale, on the eastern outskirts of the city, at 5 o'clock this morning. It came directly from the South with rain and lightning. Passing immediately in front of the Avondale cotton mills it blew down the negro Methodist Church and utterly demolished it.

Three new frame houses and a second negro church a short distance away were next destroyed. Mrs. R. C. Foster was ill in bed, and her husband was watching at her side. The house was taken from over her head, and the bed-stick a hundred feet away. Strange to say, Mrs. Foster was not hurt.

The negro school house and negro Baptist Church were torn to pieces.

Mr. Annie Johnson was buried under her house, and had to be dug out. She is badly cut and bruised, and is in a critical condition.

Arthur O. Hudgins, a white boy, was also buried in the wreckage of his father's house. His arm was broken and he was seriously injured.

At this house the four walls were blown away and a bed containing three children left in the middle of the room. The children were not scratched. The injured boy was in an outer wing, and the main building crushed this in.

## KNIT GOODS COMBINE.

ONE HUNDRED MANUFACTURERS MEET—NORFOLK REPRESENTED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, March 15.—More than a hundred knit goods manufacturers met in this city to-day to consider the advisability of forming a combination of interests.

Mr. Baker, a Philadelphia lawyer, is said to be the chief promoter. He explained the plans of the suggested combination to the manufacturers.

It was said that the plan is to form a combination on a basis of \$25,000,000 preferred stock, to pay 7 per cent, and \$50,000,000 common stock.

A committee was appointed to estimate the output of each plant in the country, the cost of production and the amount of stock under the consolidation.

This committee will, after it makes its inspection, meet and draw up its report and call a meeting of the manufacturers before whom the report will be laid with recommendation for action. The committee was also charged with the duty of considering whether the manufacturers of ribbed knit goods, as well as "flat" goods, should be included in the consolidation.

The representation was very large from New York, Vermont and Connecticut. These manufacturers were also represented: Norfolk and New Brunswick Hosiery Company, New Brunswick, N. J.; Pawtucket Manufacturing Company, Norfolk, Va.; Godschalk & Co., Philadelphia; J. E. Hanftin & Co., Philadelphia; Roxford Knitting Company, Philadelphia; Armstrong Knitting Company, Charlottesville, Va.

## Spain Will Ratify Treaty.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Madrid, March 15.—The cabinet council this afternoon decided that the treaty of peace with the United States should be ratified immediately after the dissolution of the Cortes, which will probably be decreed to-morrow.

The elections to the new chamber will be fixed for April 16th, and to the Senate for April 30th, the new Cortes to re-assemble on May 2d.



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cured. I do not think I should have been alive to-day if I had not taken Dr. Greene's Nervura. I am now able to do my own work and enjoy health. I am subject to heart disease, but when I use the Nervura I am entirely free from it. I always recommend Nervura, and in all my life I never saw anything that did me so much good as this wonderful medicine."

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